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1. Location

A Hungarian ordnance depot is located on Soroksári Street, Budapest IX, immediately east of the municipal rapid-transit line stop. The depot area is about 300 x 250 m. and is surrounded by a 2 m. high stone wall, which is topped by barbed wire. Industrial railroad tracks lead into the area.

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2. Weapons and Parts Being Stored

- a. In the cellar of the main storage house (No. 4 in the attached sketch) there is the so-called secret depot, which is continuously guarded by two sentries. It is said that new-type weapons are stored there. These weapons are brought in and taken away at regular intervals by troops not stationed at the depot; the nearby surrounding area is cut off to outsiders during such transports.
- b. The following weapons are known to be stored at the depot:
 - 1) 4,000 Soviet-type light machine guns, known as Type 48 in the Hungarian Army, which is equipped with them; these light machine guns are manufactured by the Lampart Factory in Budapest.
 - 2) About 15,000 Soviet-type rifles;
 - 3) About 16,000 Soviet-type submachine guns with drum magazines, made in Hungary;
 - 4) About 10,000 pieces of German and Italian small arms are stored in a captured weapons depot; however, only a part of them is in good working condition.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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- 5) Large stocks of spare parts for artillery guns used by the Hungarian Army, mainly breech mechanisms and spare gun barrels for Soviet-type 76 mm. and 122 mm. guns. This depot also has a work shop, where guns are overhauled; six medium guns can be overhauled or repaired there at the same time.

In the depot yard (No. 6 in the sketch), almost 1,000 guns of various calibers are stored closely together under tarpaulins. The estimated breakdown of these is as follows:

- 6) 120 Soviet long-barrel guns, 152 mm.
- 7) 70 Soviet long-barrel guns, 122 mm.
- 8) 150 Soviet howitzers, 122 mm.
- 9) 140 Soviet howitzers, 105 mm.
- 10) 50 Hungarian Bofor antiaircraft guns, 88 mm.
- 11) 180 Soviet antitank guns, 76 mm. made in Diösgyör
- 12) 200 German recoil-absorber antitank guns, 76 mm.
- 13) In addition, three Soviet 131 mm. automatic guns were seen in the depot yard. These guns, hitherto unknown to the Hungarian Army were to be used to train teams of Hungarian soldiers in their operation. Only when sufficient number of artillery teams had been trained in the operation of guns of this type were such guns to be issued to the Hungarian Army as part of its regular equipment.

3. POL Depot

In one of the storage houses on the south side of the depot area there is an oil depot, where about 80 carloads of machine oil, high-grade oil, diesel oil, and various types of fuel and alcohol are stored.

4. Source of Material

Until recently, the entire supply of the weapons depot came from the Soviet Union; however, there has been much talk that in the near future most of the Soviet-type arms destined for the Hungarian Army are to be made in Hungary.

5. Personnel

- a. All in all, about 400 soldiers and 350 civilians are working at the depot. The civilians live outside the grounds, but the soldiers are quartered in the upper floors of the depot buildings. (No. 2, 3, and 4 in the sketch).
- b. Commanding Officer of the depot is Major MAG (fnu), [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the political officer is [redacted] 25X1
Captain PRISZTAS [redacted] security officer, Lieutenant PAPP (fnu) [redacted] Another eight to ten officers work in the various depot sections and offices.
- c. The majority of the troops present belong to the depot guard company, which consists of about 250 men. Commanding Officer of the guard company is Rezső KATONA; Political officer of this company is Lieutenant TISLER (fnu) [redacted] 25X1

6. Training

Training courses are held continuously in the depot. Each of these courses is attended by about 50 men, of whom half are noncommissioned officers and half are enlisted men from various units. The courses are run by Major

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MOJNAR (fnu) and First Lieutenant KEREKES (fnu). Both of these men are weapons experts

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Annex: Sketch of the Soroksari Street Ordnance Depot in Budapest (with a legend).

Legend to the sketch of the Ordnance depot in Budapest:

1. One-story storage houses with loading ramps along the tracks
2. Two-story buildings, storage houses and billets
3. Two-story buildings, storage houses, offices and billets
4. Main storage house, administration and billets; basement depot
5. Sentry house, one-story
6. Depot yard
7. Municipal rapid-transit line stop.

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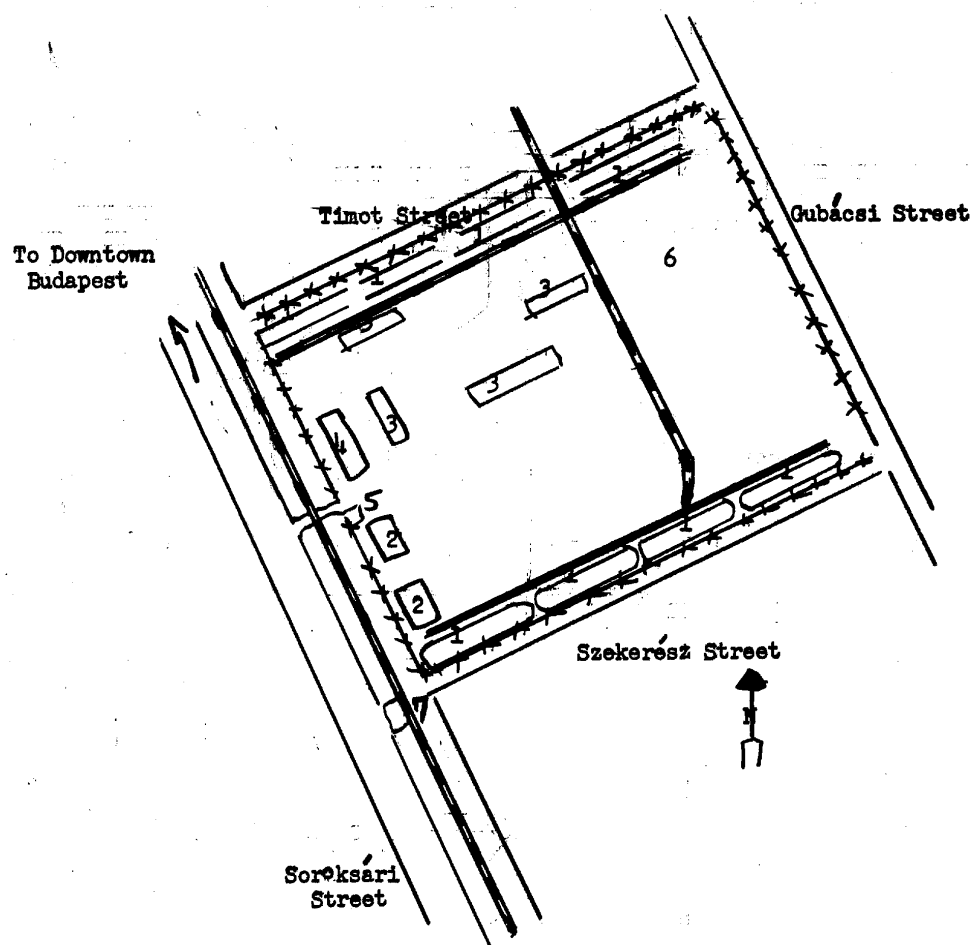
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Sketch of the Ordnance Depot on Soroksári Street, Budapest



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